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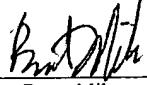
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Applicant: Tanaka et al. Examiner: Unknown MAY 24 2001
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Filed: February 21, 2001 Docket No.: 10873.654USWO
Title: OBJECTIVE FOR OPTICAL DISK, OPTICAL HEAD DEVICE AND
OPTICAL INFORMATION RECORDING/REPRODUCING APPARATUS
BOTH COMPRISING THE SAME, MOLD FOR FORMING LENS,
METHOD FOR MACHINING MOLD FOR FORMING LENS, AND
SHAPE MEASURING INSTRUMENT

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner.

This statement should be considered because it is submitted within three months of the filing date of the above-identified application. Accordingly, no fee is due for consideration of the items listed on the enclosed Form 1449.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2), a copy of each document or other information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 is provided.

A concise explanation of the relevance of each non-English language document or other information is as follows (37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(3)):

Applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner that US 5,703,862 corresponds to JP 8-334690 and US 5,889,748 corresponds to JP 9-184975.

Applicant hereby brings attention to the Examiner that the references listed were cited in an International Search Report dated October 10, 2000. A copy of the International Search Report is enclosed.

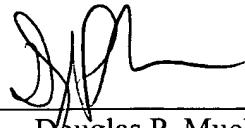
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Consideration of the items listed is respectfully requested. Pursuant to the provisions of M.P.E.P. 609, it is requested that the Examiner return a copy of the attached Form 1449, marked as being considered and initialed by the Examiner, to the undersigned with the next official communication.

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Respectfully submitted,

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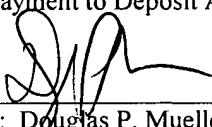
Sir:

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- Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- Information Disclosure Statement, Form 1449, 16 Reference(s)
- Other: International Search Report
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Please consider this a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME for a sufficient number of months to enter these papers, if appropriate. Please charge any additional fees or credit overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2725. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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